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KEY POINTS:

- WHY DOES THE USFWS ASSIST DOD ON PRIVATE LANDS?
- HOW DOES THE USFWS PARTNER WITH DOD ON NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ON LANDS ADJACENT TO DOD INSTALLATIONS?

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WHY?

- DoD manages about 25 million acres of land
- DoD lands are home to over 350 Threatened or Endangered species
- DoD lands support over 500 species at risk (SAR)
- GAO Report: DoD, DoI & USDA need to work better together for endangered species impacting military lands

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HOW?

- SPECIES AT RISK JOINT AGENCY PROGRAM
  - Focus is outside the DoD “fence line”
  - Primarily non-federal land
  - Work to prevent the need to federally list a species

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DoD SAR History

- 2001-Initial inventory of SAR by military installation
- 2003-SAR initial project (four species)
- 2003-SAR extension (NG SAR inventory)
- 2004-SAR Georgia Project
- 2006-SAR AZ/NM Project
- DoD Legacy Funded/USFWS executed

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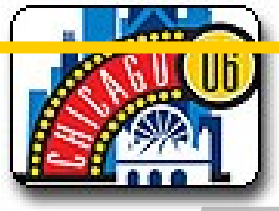
PARTNERING

- Southeast INRMP/State Wildlife Action Plan-DoD Range Readiness workshop
- Gopher tortoise memo of agreement
- Conservation tools training for local governments, private landowners-Upcoming with Range Readiness
- Development of conservation partnerships
- Conservation outreach-Biodiversity Tool for communities



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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

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